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June 29, 2015

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
Interim Director

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
ACCEPT A RESOURCE ACTION LEARNING GRANT FROM THE
KRESGE FOUNDATION**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on April 19, 2011 to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed \$100,000 per term, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept the Resource Action Learning Grant from the Kresge Foundation, in the amount of \$100,000, for the period of July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. These funds will allow the Department of Public Health (DPH) to enhance its transformative efforts to address the challenges created by implementation of the Affordable Care Act. DPH will develop a strategic communication plan with stakeholders (e.g. other County departments, community partners, non-profit hospitals, and funding entities) to create a comprehensive strategy for improving health in Los Angeles County.

The key activities DPH plans to implement include: a) engaging non-profit hospitals regarding proven effective investments for population health improvement; b) guiding clinical and community investment priorities by disseminating health data in parallel with key communication strategies; c) participating in proactive planning to ensure community-level access to integrated personal, behavioral and population health services; and d) strengthening DPH staff capacity to address underlying social determinants of health.

The objective is to establish DPH as the chief health strategist in the County that guides local health planning across sectors to ultimately reduce County-wide healthcare expenditures. As the chief health strategist, DPH will be positioned to drive and shape the local health improvement agenda in partnership with hospitals, community based organizations, and other governmental partners which will naturally elevate population health protection and health promotion in the shifting landscape of health reform.

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County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resource Action Learning Grant as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Interim Chief Executive Officer
Interim County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors